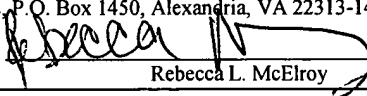




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In the application of:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 28 September 2004 for which the time for response is set to expire 28 October 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time until 28 November 2004 is enclosed, along with the required fee.

Applicants request reconsideration of this requirement.